GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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CONCESSION POLICY FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is compulsory for some categories of handicapped people to take escorts with them and purchase an additional ticket whereas some categories of handicapped people are exempted from this provision and they can travel alone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for this discrimination;

(d) whether the Railways propose to revise its concession policy for the handicapped people and bring all handicapped people at par in regard to giving concession in train fare;

(e) it so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): Concession is admissible to only those Orthopaedically handicapped/ paraplegic persons and mentally retarded persons who cannot travel without an escort. Therefore, they are required to purchase ticket for escort also. However, Blind and deaf and dumb persons are permitted to travel alone also.

(d) to (f): There is no proposal to revise concession policy at present.